

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed March 23, 2004, the Examiner noted that claims 1-14 were pending and rejected all claims. Claims 1, 10, 11 and 14 have been amended and, thus, in view of the forgoing claims 1-14 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

An interview was conducted with Examiner Chuong and SPE Kincaid on July 1, 2004 and the substance of the discussion at the interview is set forth below.

On page 2 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected all claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by Wimble.

As discussed with the Examiners Wimble is directed to debugging a program after the program has been run until it crashes or fails. Wimble is not directed to testing programs per se. The testing in Wimble is the testing of a hypothesis about why the program failed. The description of testing the program until it fails constitutes about 10 or so lines in column 10 starting at line 55 and merely describes running the program until it crashes and then determining the cause of the crash. The remainder of the description in Wimble is about debugging the program using hypothesis that are themselves tested. The present invention is about testing (or conducting a test") of a screen program that produces a graphical user interface (GUI) display. In a sense Wimble takes up where the present invention leaves off. The present invention is very different from Wimble in this respect.

In addition, the present invention involves generating or selecting a test program for testing the screen program and doing so using a screen definition or screen "definition information" that allows the test program for that screen program to be selected or generated. Wimble says nothing about testing a screen program or testing one where a definition is used to decide upon the test program used to test the screen program. This is as would be expected since Wimble is not about testing but about debugging.

The Examiners recognized this in the interview and indicated that another (non-final) Action would be needed since the originally filed claims distinguished over the prior art. In the interview the Examiners did indicate that the changes made in the proposal of the Request For Interview made the apparatus claim more clear and these changes have been made to the apparatus claims for clarity and not because of a reason associated with patentability.

It is submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art as recognized by the Examiners. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An

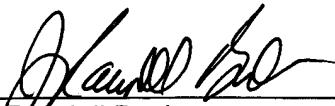
early Notice of Allowance is requested.

If any further fees, other than and except for the issue fee, are necessary with respect to this paper, the U.S.P.T.O. is requested to obtain the same from deposit account number 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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